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Materials Division Monthly Report

BRANCH: Food and Agriculture

Report for November 1958

I. Accomplishments

A. Scheduled Reports and Contributions

1. Contribution to project No. 00.2438, "Evaluation of the Soviet Seven Year Plan."

B. Support Projects

1. CSM, "1958 Crop Production in Bulgaria Unfavorable."
2. Contribution to ORR Project S-400, "Effect of East German Blockade on West Berlin Food Supply."

C. Other Support Activities

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1. [REDACTED] lectured to the D/S China Committee in the current agricultural situation in Communist China.
 2. Report on Soviet Seven Year Plan agricultural capital investment figures submitted to Chief DM, 18 November 1958.
 3. Appraisal of the Scientific Intelligence Report, "Soviet Industrial Fermentation Research, Development and Technology" submitted to Chief DM, 21 November 1958.
 4. Comments on NSA's contribution to M/AG sent to Chief DM, 28 November 1958.
 5. Evaluation of the index to [REDACTED] publication was 25X1A7b submitted to Chief DM, 28 November 1958.

II. Program

- A. On 10 November 1958, a request was submitted to Chief D/GG to have D/GG prepare an analysis of the climatic factors affecting the production of grain in Communist China. A preliminary terms of reference accompanied this request.

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- B. [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] concerning the possible utilization of his services on a project dealing with irrigation and water conservancy in Communist China. A memo was prepared including a tentative project outline, recommending that [REDACTED] services be obtained. 25X1A5a1

III. Administrative

A. Personnel

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1. [REDACTED]
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2. [REDACTED] requested maternity leave, to begin 1 December 1958 and end in March 1959.

B. Training

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1. [REDACTED] finished the Intelligence Research Techniques Course. He continued a before duty hours German course.
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2. [REDACTED] entered a Russian Language Advanced Workshop course.

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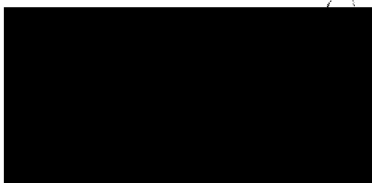
C. Miscellaneous Activities

- 25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] assisted in the debriefing of [REDACTED] who 25X1A9a
recently returned from Communist China, 31 October 1958.
- 25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] briefed [REDACTED] on the 25X1A9a
Branch's agricultural research program for Poland and the 25X1A9a
current gaps in information which need to be filled relative
to this research, 3 November 1958.
- 25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] attended a debriefing of [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
who was a member of the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
USSR. 25X1X7
4. [REDACTED] consulted with [REDACTED]
25X1X7 [REDACTED] about the Soviet and Chinese agricultural
situations, with emphasis on the 1958 harvest and prospects
for exports, 4 November 1958.
- 25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] took a two weeks tour to Middle West Universities,
to recruit professional personnel, for ERA.
- 25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] debriefed [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
21 November 1958. 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] briefed [REDACTED], FDD on
M/AG requirements for the exploitation of foreign documents
on Soviet agriculture. 25X1A9a
8. [REDACTED] attended a debriefing of members of the
US Cotton Delegation to the Soviet Union.
9. Members of M/AG attended a briefing by Air Weather Service on
current weather conditions in Bloc countries.
10. Members of M/AG took a field trip to the Agricultural Research
Center, Beltsville, Maryland, for the purpose of familiarizing
themselves with the latest techniques and developments in US
agriculture.

IV. Comments

A. Principal problem

1. Final coordination and editing of project 20.1529 continues to
occupy much time.



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